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SUBJECT: ICFTU STATEMENT ON CONTRACTS WITH LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN
COMMUNIST AND NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES

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1. BERT OCA, PRESIDENT OF THE TRADE UNION CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES (TUCP), WAS PREPARED TO ATTEND THE MARCH 17 CONGRESS OF THE ALL UNION CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TRADE UNIONS OF THE SOVIET UNION (AUCCTUSU) TO BE HELD IN MOSCOW, UNTIL LABATT REMINDED HIM OF THE ICFTU POLICY CHANGE PER REFAIR. OCA HAD CORRESPONDED WITH A. SHIBAYEV, PRESIDENT OF AUCCTUSU ON JANUARY 31, INDICATING A WILLINGNESS TO ATTEND THE MOSCOW CONGRESS. OCA WAS LATER INSTRUCTED BY TELEGRAM TO PICK UP HIS SOVIET VISA AND AIRLINE TICKETS AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN SINGAPORE. LABATT SUBSEQUENTLY LEARNED THAT TUCP HAS ASSIGNED MR. JAIME T. RINCAL, ONE OF ITS VICE PRESIDENTS, TO ATTEND THE MOSCOW MEETING IN PLACE OF OCA. UPON RETURN FROM BANGKOK MEETING WITH P. P. NARIANAN AND S.V. MATHUR, OCA MET AGAIN WITH LABATT AND AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE A VIOLATION OF NEW ICFTU POLICY TRENDS TO ALLOW RINCAL TO PROCEED TO MOSCOW. OCA THUS TELEPHONED RINCAL, WHO WAS IN KUALA LUMPUR AT THE TIME, AND HAD HIM RETURN TO MANILA.

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2. COMMENT: THESE FACTS ARE DIFFICULT TO RECONCILE WITH ENTHUSIASTIC ENDORSEMENT OF ICFTU STATEMENT (REFAIR) WHICH HAS BEEN VOICED BY DEMICRITO MENDOZA, TUCP GENERAL SECRETARY AND A MEMBER OF THE ICFTU EXECUTIVE BOARD. IT IS ALSO DIFFICULT TO RECONCILE MENDOZA'S APPARENTLY PRO ICFTU ATTITUDE WITH THE FACT THAT ONE OF THE TUCP

AFFILIATES IS ALLILIATED WITH THE W.F.T.U. IT IS FURTHER
CONFOUNDING TO LEARN FROM MENDOZA THAT HE IS NOT CERTAIN
THAT TUCP TREASURER BONIFACION TUPAZ DID IN FACT DIS-
AFFILIATE WITH THE W.F.T.U., WITH WHOM HE AFFILIATED WHILE
AN OBSERVER AT THE WFTU CONGRESS IN PARIS IN 1975.
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